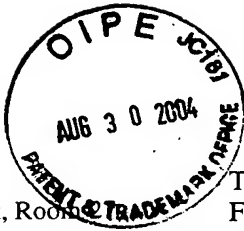


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3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
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3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 07/11/03
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JAMES VANNUCCI
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1- 31 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art teaches the exposure device wherein the range from shadow to highlight is represented by $\{n \times (m - 1) + 1\}$ stages, and based upon the exposure gradations thus assigned, controls each of the n-number of light-emitting elements for exposing the single position of the photosensitive material n times at maximum.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. The prior art made of record and relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The best consider with this application can be filed in Ohhata (U.S. Patent number 4,459,512), Kawai (U.S. Patent number 5,445,924) and Ohshima (U.S Patent Application Publication number US2004/0005519 A1).

Priority

4. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

5. The references listed on the information disclosure statement submitted on 07/11/2003 have been considered.

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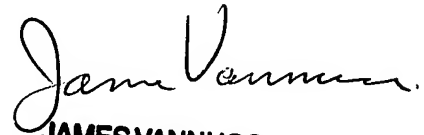
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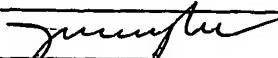

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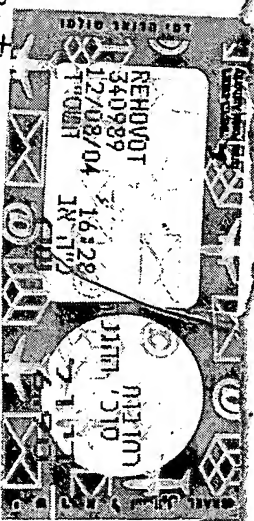
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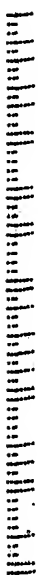
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